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SUBJECT: "STRIKE" OF MT. ATHOS MONKS CONTINUES

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1. THESSALONIKI PRESS APRIL 27 NOTED CONTINUATION OF DEFIANCE OF FORTY MONKS AT ESPHIGMENOU MONASTERY ON MT. ATHOS AGAINST PATRIARCHAL ORDER FOR REMOVAL OF CERTAIN AMONG THEM FOR "APOSTASY". CIVIL GOVERNOR OF MT. ATHOS, RETIRED ARMY COLONEL KREKOUKIAS, ANNOUNCED TO PRESS HE DID NOT INTEND TO APPLY ANY "DYNAMIC MEASURE" TO FORCE MONKS FROM BARRICADED MONASTERY, BUT HOPED TO EMPLOY GOOD OFFICES OF OTHER MONASTERIES AND THEIR COMMUNAL COUNCIL AT KARYES TO INDUCE RECALCITRANTS TO DEPART MT. ATHOS "WILLINGLY". HOWEVER IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH ESPHIGMENOU APRIL 26, KREKOUKIAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN ADVISED MONKS POSITION "REMAINS SAME, EITHER WE ALL GO OR NONE". MEANWHILE, BLACK MANNER AND POSTER "ORTHODOXY OR DEATH" REMAIN AT ESPHIGMENOU'S CENTRAL GATE, REPORT STATES.

2. VORRAS WRITES THAT ACCORDING ITS

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